II. Remarks

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No new claims have been added.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC §11, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner contends that the terms "sending a password request from the first computer to the second computer" are not support by the specification. However, Applicants point out that these claim terms are supported by the specification, for example, at page 4, paragraphs 8 and 9. Accordingly, allowance of claim 2 is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,151,020 issued to Palmer (Palmer).

Palmer discloses a system and method for sharing graphical display information in a collaborative tool. The system updates the client system recording changes in the shared display region responsive to detection of a change in the shared display region contents (see column 1, lines 50-59). A server is disclosed connected to two client systems via a conventional computer network (column 2, lines 59-62). In operation, keyboard and audio information is passed from the client system to the server. A client application program is executed on the two client systems to replicate a shared region in the client application window on each client system (column 3, lines 14-32).

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Further, Palmer discloses in column 1, lines 56-59, that the system further modifies a polling rate used to sample the graphic display information on the server responsive to the frequency of changes to the shared display region. In column 1, lines 64-67, Palmer discloses the server system periodically selects a subsequent bit map from the series of bit maps at a predetermined polling rate. Further, in column 5, line 51, Palmer states that in the disclosed embodiment the server application uses a polling approach to periodically obtain pixel information describing the screen display on the server system. Still further in Figure 4 of Palmer and in column 9, lines 37-44 Palmer discloses a method for setting a polling rate for capturing frame buffer contents on the server system. The server application initializes the polling rate to a predetermined value and begins periodic capture of the frame buffer. An example of a polling rate is given as one capture every 50 milliseconds which provides an update rate of 20 updates per second.

In an embodiment of the present invention, a method of displaying data in a distributed computer network is provided. A first computer is provided having a first data storage medium and a first data display device. A second computer is provided having a second storage medium and a second data display device. The first computer is coupled to the second computer via a communication link to form a distributed computer network. Data is displayed on the first display device and the second computer retrieves from the first storage medium via the communication link the data being displayed on the first display device. The data retrieved from the first storage medium is displayed on the second data display device in real time with the displaying of the same data on the first data displaying device, as claimed in claim 1. Support for claim 1 may be found on page 2, 7th paragraph and page 3, 10th

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paragraph. Further, the Abstract discloses that what is meant by "real time" is almost instantaneous except for communication delays.

Palmer does not disclose real time displaying of data that was displayed on a first display device and retrieved from a first storage medium via a communication link on a second data display device in real time with the displaying of the data on the first data display device. What Palmer discloses is a system that utilizes a predetermined polling rate to monitor or poll the server computer (column 1, lines 63-66). In other words, instead of instantaneously or in real time display the data displayed on a first display device on a second display device, the Palmer system waits a predetermined amount of time (i.e., a polling rate) before it transmits displayed data from a first display device to a second display device. Further, Palmer teaches away from Applicant's invention by disclosing that the system decreases the polling rate upon detecting no change in the shared display region (column 2, lines 11-14). Accordingly, the present invention is patentable over Palmer and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 1.

With respect to claims 2-6, these claims ultimately depend on claim 1 and therefore are patentable for at least the same reasons as given in support of claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of these claims.

SUMMARY

Pending Claims 1-6 as amended are patentable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of these claims. The Examiner is

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invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

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